

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel unelected claims 9-17 and 20-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The pending claims and their status follows.

1. (Original) A container assembly, comprising a fitting and a wall, said wall defining a container with an interior and an exterior surface, said wall having a fitting portion in said fitting and a container portion forming said container beyond said fitting, and
- said fitting comprising an inner component and an outer component, said outer component being bonded at a first end to said wall and having an outer portion that extends outwardly from said exterior surface of said container, at least a portion of said inner component being situated inside of said outer portion of said outer component, wherein said fitting portion of said wall is apposed to said inner component and to said outer component in said outer portion of said outer component, wherein said fitting portion of said wall is continuous with said container portion.
2. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said container wall comprises a layer impermeable to hydrocarbons.
3. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said container is a fuel tank for a vehicle, and said fitting is selected from the group consisting of a fuel inlet fitting, a vapor control valve fitting, and a sender unit attachment fitting.
4. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said outer component comprises high density polyethylene, and said inner component comprises an acetal.

5. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said container wall comprises a layer of ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer.

6. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said container wall comprises an inner layer of ethylene vinyl copolymer and at least one outer layer of high density polyethylene.

7. (Original) The assembly of claim 6, wherein said fitting portion of said wall has an average thickness of between about 1 mm to about 8 mm.

8. (Original) The assembly of claim 4, wherein said container wall comprises a layer of ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer.

9-17. (Cancelled).

18. (Original) A vehicle fuel tank produced by the process of claim 9.

19. (Original) A vehicle fuel tank produced by the process of claim 17.

20-24. (Cancelled).